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REMARKS

Claims 1-83 were previously submitted for examination. Claims 1-9 and 60-80 were withdrawn from consideration, and claims 19-21 and 40-57 have been canceled. Claims 81-90 were previously added. New claims 91-96 are added in this amendment. Therefore claims 10-18, 22-39, 58-59 and 81-96 are currently pending.

Support for the new claims 91-94 and 96 can be found throughout the present application as originally filed and *inter alia*, in paragraphs [00112], [00117] and [00118] of the present specification. Support for the new claim 95 can be found throughout the present application as originally filed and *inter alia*, in paragraphs [0075] and [0098] and in the original claim 18.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection

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with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 532212000623. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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